

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

Claims 1 - 18, and 25 are canceled. Claims 22 and 23 are withdrawn. Claims 19, 20, 21, and 24 are pending.

### **Listing of the Claims:**

Claims 1 - 18 (Previously canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A liquid filter assembly comprising:

- (a) a filter head; said filter head having a center tube, an outer tube, a first liquid flow port, and a second liquid flow port; said outer tube circumscribing said center tube;
  - (i) said outer tube defining an end, an outer tube end port at said end, and an outer tube flow passageway extending between and in fluid communication with said first liquid flow port and said outer tube end port;
    - (A) said outer tube further including an outer tube threaded region;
  - (ii) said center tube defining a center tube flow passageway and a center tube end port; said center tube flow passageway extending between and in fluid communication with said center tube end port and said second liquid flow port;
    - (A) said center tube projecting outwardly from said end of said outer tube;
- (b) one of a spin-on canister filter and a bowl-cartridge filter operably connected to said filter head; said filter head being capable of receiving, separately, both a spin-on canister filter and a bowl-cartridge filter; said one having a ~~single piece~~ housing defining an interior and a cartridge filter operably oriented within said housing interior; said cartridge filter including a region of filter media and a non-removable inner liner;
  - (i) said filter having a filter threaded region threadably engaged to said outer tube threaded region to define a threaded connection;

- (A) said threaded connection having a cross-sectional thickness no greater than 10 mm;
  - (ii) said filter being in liquid flow communication with said outer tube end port and said center tube end port;
  - (c) a first seal arrangement; said first seal arrangement oriented to form a first seal to inhibit leakage between said outer tube flow passageway and said filter; and
  - (d) a second seal arrangement; said second seal arrangement oriented to form a second seal to inhibit leakage between said center tube flow passageway and said filter.
20. (Previously Presented) A liquid filter assembly according to claim 19 wherein:
- (a) said filter comprises a bowl-cartridge filter;
    - (i) said housing being re-usable; and
    - (ii) said cartridge filter being selectively replaceable within said housing.
21. (Previously Presented) A liquid filter assembly according to claim 19 wherein:
- (a) said filter threaded region is on an interior portion of said housing; and
  - (b) said outer tube threaded region is on an exterior portion of said outer tube.
22. (Withdrawn) A liquid filter assembly according to claim 19 wherein:
- (a) said filter comprises a spin-on canister filter;
    - (i) said housing being single-use; and
    - (ii) said cartridge filter being permanently, and non-replaceably mounted within said housing.
23. (Withdrawn) A liquid filter assembly according to claim 22 wherein:
- (a) said filter threaded region is on a baffle plate; and
  - (b) said outer tube threaded region is on an exterior portion of said outer tube.
24. (Previously Presented) A liquid filter assembly according to claim 19 wherein:

(a) said cartridge filter includes a cylinder of pleated filter media defining an open filter interior;

(i) said center tube extending into said open filter interior.

25. (Previously canceled)